

Safe at Home West Virginia

Children's Division of the Court | Judicial Bench Card



What is *Safe at Home*?

Safe at Home is a publicly funded wraparound program to help *prevent* residential placement or help youth *return* home from residential placement. A Wraparound Facilitator helps children and families create teams made up of both formal and natural community supports. With the facilitator's help, the family and young person establish a team vision and goals, and then develop individualized services and supports to achieve them.

Who is eligible?

QUALIFYING CRITERIA: System involved youth, age 9 to 18 years of age either in foster care placement or at imminent risk of foster care entry (*see below guideline for determining imminent risk and foster care candidacy*); or for a child aged 5 and older who is an adopted child or is in a legal guardianship arrangement which is at risk of disruption
AND

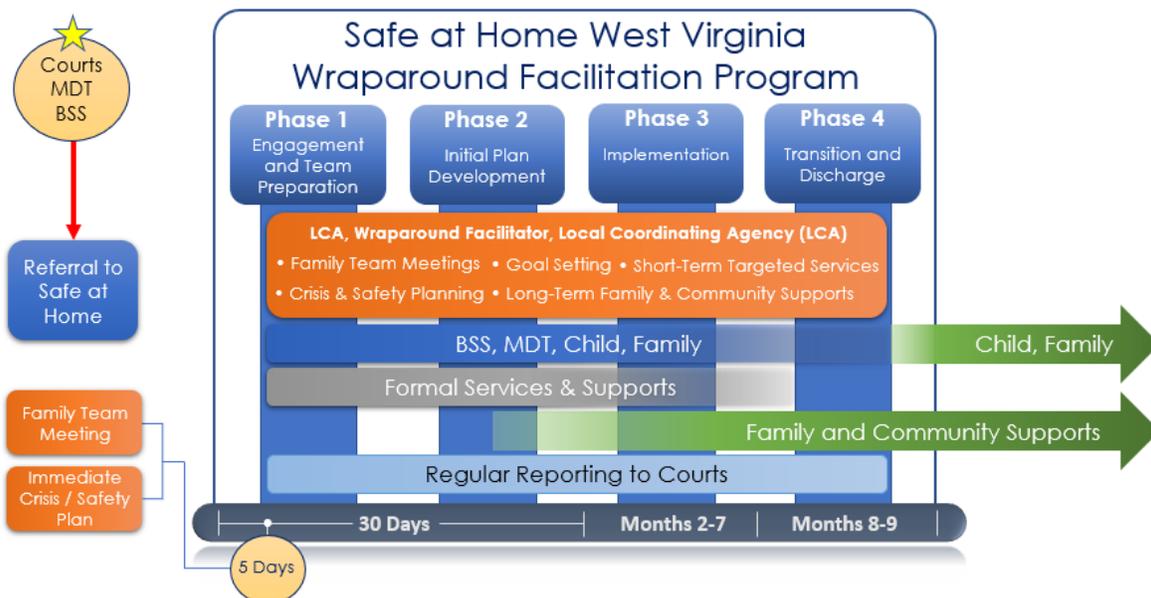
The applicant demonstrates dysfunctional patterns of behavior due to exposure to trauma as indicated in the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessment tool.

AND

The family/caregiver demonstrates significant need(s) in at least one of the following areas, as indicated in the CANS assessment tool:

- a) Knowledge of needs and service options
- b) Discipline
- c) Family stress

How does *Safe at Home* work?



Remember:

- ✓ Temporary formal services provided through *Safe at Home* are limited in scope and tailored to the family's specific wraparound plan developed by the team.
- ✓ As funding for formal services is finite and in lieu of ordering services from the bench, please refer cases to your BSS county office with service recommendations, if any.
- ✓ *Safe at Home* is a powerful tool to help children avoid or return from residential placement.